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PANTZER, BROWN APPOINT COMMITTEE  
TO STUDY UNMARRIED STUDENT HOUSING SHORTAGE

MISSOULA--

THE FOLLOWING IS A JOINT STATEMENT BY MISSOULA MAYOR  
ROBERT BROWN AND UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA PRESIDENT  
ROBERT PANTZER, ANNOUNCING APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE  
TO SEEK SOLUTIONS TO THE SHORTAGE OF UNMARRIED STUDENT  
HOUSING AND DETERIORATION OF RESIDENTIAL AREAS ON THE  
PERIMETER OF CAMPUS.

The deterioration of the prime residential areas surrounding the University of Montana campus has created growing concern among members of both the campus and Missoula communities.

Missoula citizenry, students and faculty have common cause to be concerned with the problems of declining real estate values, high rental rates for substandard housing, lack of proper building inspections and inadequate maintenance--all problems resulting from a severe shortage of adequate housing for unmarried students in Missoula.

The problem of deteriorating residential areas surrounding the campus is not a situation peculiar to Missoula. Among locations of the nation's foremost institutions of higher learning, there are numerous examples where deterioration of campus perimeter areas was allowed to proceed beyond the point of repair. Areas that were once attractive residential neighborhoods have become eyesores.

In Missoula, however, we have not reached the stage where only rebuilding the areas adjacent to the campus will correct the situation. There is still time to take preventive action.

Construction of adequate, inexpensive housing facilities for unmarried students can alleviate this critical situation. Private construction, however, has been thwarted by zoning restrictions, and the University is unable to take action because of bonding commitments on dormitories, severe budget limitations and a leveling of enrollment.

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It is appropriate, then, that the University join with the Missoula community to seek solutions that will benefit both the campus and community.

Many suggestions and ideas to correct the situation have been discussed, but the time has come when positive action is essential. To delay any longer will only add to the ultimate cost of housing that is needed now.

We therefore join together, the city and the University, to appoint a committee to examine all facets of the problem. We have selected the following individuals as members of the committee: John Patterson, a city councilman and member of the City Zoning Commission, and Councilman Fred Thomson; University professors Ian Lange and Rustem Medora; and Mrs. George Turman and Mrs. Gardner Cromwell. We urge community and campus support for the efforts of the committee.

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